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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Patrick W. Mullen, Gus Bernard, and Robert B. Nilsen  
Application No.: 09/488,129 Group: 1772  
Filed: January 20, 2000 Examiner: Alicia Ann Chevalier  
Confirmation No.: 3992  
For: Durable, Open-Faced Retroreflective Prismatic Construction

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for filing in the above-identified application.

- [ X ] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity Statement previously submitted.
- [ ] A Small Entity Statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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| SMALL ENTITY |            |
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| RATE         | ADDIT. FEE |
| X \$ 9       | \$         |
| X \$43       | \$         |
| + \$145      | \$         |

TOTAL = \$ 0

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| X \$86                  | \$         |
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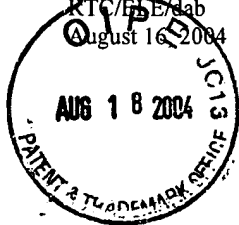
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This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on May 18, 2004 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

Please amend the application as follows: